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1. In May 1952, the following cranes were reported to be in use in the port of Varna:
 - a. Five fixed cranes of 3-ton capacity, Czech manufacture, each in position on the shipping wharves near the customs warehouses; four have been there since the war, but the fifth was assembled at the KORBSO (Bulgaro-Suvetsko Druzhestvo za Korabostroene; Bulgarian-Soviet Association for Shipbuilding) workshops in Varna in early 1951.
 - b. One floating crane of 5-ton capacity; and
 - c. One crane mounted on railway lines in the Naval Arsenal, erected in the autumn of 1950.
2. During 1951, two or three cranes of the type mentioned in paragraph 1a above, but mounted on rails, were also assembled in Varna. They are not required for work in the port in peacetime and are kept in reserve in the railway depot in the Pamuchen quarter of the city.
3. In 1949, four Soviet-made cranes of 1-ton capacity, mounted on trucks, were seen in Varna. Two similar cranes appeared in the civilian port during 1951, but none were reported in Varna in May 1952.
4. At the end of 1951, the Soviet ship CHIATURY discharged four large cranes on caterpillar tracks at Varna along with a cargo of war material. The cranes, of estimated five or six ton capacity, were unloaded during the day whereas war material is usually unloaded at night. The location of these cranes is not known.

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5. In May 1952, among other goods-handling equipment in the port of Varna, there were eight electrically-driven railway flats and several Soviet-made conveyor belt machines, 15 meters long, which are mounted on wheeled chassis for shifting goods from railway cars to trucks.
6. Recently, a new quay has been built in the Naval Arsenal. No other new quays are under construction.

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1. Comment: Allegedly, many cranes of this type were received in dismantled form from the Soviets. The cranes were assembled and mounted on trucks in Bulgaria and sent from Varna to various parts of the country, an unspecified number being taken over by the Army.

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